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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of topics, and we support conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, except January, in the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Point, at 7.45 p.m. Outings are usually held the following weekend, meeting outside the new entrance to the Museum, Macquarie Street.

The Club's address is G.P.O. Box 68A, Hobart, 7001 and the Secretary is Ms Helen Davidson, phone 23 7015.

PROGRAMME

Thurs. May 3rd. 7.45p.m. John Davies will talk about "The Huon Pine (*Lagarostrobos franklinii*) in Tasmania". Come and hear about our very special and famous tree.

Before John's talk we will have a quick visit to the TFNC library housed in the next-door building. Come a few minutes early.

Sun. May 6th. 9.00a.m. (Note: Sunday, not Saturday). John Davies will take us on a botanical ramble at Tahune Forest Reserve on the Picton River where you can see Huon Pine in its natural habitat. Bring a picnic lunch.

Thurs. June 7th. 7.45p.m. Lyall Wilson, an enthusiastic member of Friends of Maria Island will speak on the island's history and on bushwalking there.

Sat. June 9th. 9.30a.m. At Museum. 10.30a.m. at Bothwell. Fergus "Fergie" Barnard, an old Bothwell identity, will take us on a tour of some of the historic and environmentally significant sites in the Bothwell area. Note: \$2.00 a head - guide fee.

Thurs. July 5th. 7.45p.m. Alex Buchanan from the Tasmanian Herbarium will be speaking on early botanical collectors in Tasmania, in particular Gunn and Milligan.

Sat. July 7th. 10.00a.m. Alex will show us over the Herbarium where we can look at the collections and learn how the specimens are processed.

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL ATTEMPT TO ATTEND THE AUTUMN/WINTER MEETINGS AND OUTINGS THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS COLD, THE WELCOME IS ALWAYS WARM - IN THE PAST THESE HAVE BEEN SOME OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE EVENTS OF THE YEAR. IF TRANSPORT IS A PROBLEM PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ARRANGE A LIFT.

The audio-visual presented by George and Michelle Meffre on the fascinating Indian Ocean island of St. Paul was quite spectacular and those presented by Tim O'Loughlin on walking and camping 'softly and safely' in the Tasmanian bush were very humorous and very informative. If you missed them, then you missed a real treat!

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MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Despite a prompt response from most members there are still quite a few people who have not yet paid their 1990 membership fees. If you are not sure whether or not you are financial, please contact Gilbert van Munster to check, as, if you remain unfinancial in June, you will not receive your copy of the Bulletin and "Tasmanian Naturalist".

The rates are:

Adults.....\$15.00 Families.....\$18.00
Students, Pensioners, Health Card Holders\$10.00
(Journal Subscribers: Individual.....\$10.00 Institutions....\$16.00)

NEW MEMBERS: The club welcomes Heather Chauncy (Sandy Bay), Nancy Parsons (Battery Point) and Andreas and Felicity Hack (also of Battery Point). We hope you will all enjoy participating in TFNC activities.

NEW MEETING VENUE AND LIBRARY LOCATION: The club most unfortunately must vacate the CSIRO Stowell Avenue premises by the end of this year and the committee is currently investigating alternative locations to meet and to store the TFNC library. If you have any suitable suggestions, please contact Helen Davidson on 23 7015.

CHANGES TO CLUB RULES AND OTHER PROPOSALS: The committee is currently reviewing the club rules and looking at ways of running the club more efficiently. When all the proposals have been considered, members will be given the chance to discuss suggested changes.

Committee members are also investigating cheaper ways of producing the "Tasmanian Naturalist" while still maintaining its high quality and appearance. Any members with something to contribute are asked to contact the committee.

NEW TASMANIAN SEASHELL BOOK: "Tasmanian Sea Shells Common to Other States" by Margaret Richmond (which is reviewed in the April "Tas.Nat.") is now available at a cost of \$27 for the soft cover version and \$45 for the hardback. It is the first book on Tasmanian seashells to be produced in colour and, although scientifically based, is aimed at the novice. If the club arranges to purchase 10 copies, we can get them at a discount price of \$25 each. Please contact Helen Davidson as soon as possible if you are interested in this offer. We already have 6 requests and need only 4 more.

1990 SGAP FLOWER SHOW: A subcommittee has been formed to arrange our presentation for the show to be held at the City Hall, 12th - 15th October. More ideas for the display are still required so please contact Phil with your suggestions.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAILOUTS: If you are able to assist in the collating, wrapping, addressing and sorting of the "Tas. Nat." and Bulletin prior to the quarterly mailouts, please contact Helen Davidson. The tasks are not arduous if several people work together.

NATURE TOUR BROCHURES: The club has received a number of brochures etc. on fascinating nature tours available in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Australia. Such a guided trip would be a great way to learn of an area's special flora and fauna, while enjoying a wonderful holiday with other naturalists. Please contact Helen for more details.



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